CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

No. R. 3536—*L. R.* 318-40-2, *dated* 20*th November* 1940.

Under Section 4 of the Mysore Irrigation Act of 1932, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore do hereby appoint the Assistant Engineer, Marconahalli Reservoir Works, to exercise all the functions of an Irrigation Officer in respect of the Marconahalli Reservoir in Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur District.

No. R. 3532—*L. R.* 279-40-2, *dated* 20*th November* 1940.

Under Section 4 of the Mysore Irrigation Act of 1932, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore do hereby appoint the Assistant Engineer, Channapatna Sub-Division, to exercise all the functions of an Irrigation Officer in respect of the newly constructed Alhalli Tank in Kankanhalli Taluk.

By Order,
B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

No. G. 4466—*G. M.* 49-40-4, *dated* 20*th November* 1940.

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By Order,
C. E. NORONHA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LANDS.

New Delhi, the 31*st October* 1940.

COMMUNIQUE.

Haj Pilgrimage.

In spite of the many calls on available shipping for purposes arising out of the war, arrangements have been made for sailings during November and December for the forthcoming Haj pilgrim season and for giving all possible protection to the pilgrims during the sea voyage. At present arrangements have been made for one sailing from Bombay and Karachi and one from Calcutta. Efforts are being made to arrange a later sailing from Bombay and Karachi in the second or third week of December but, as it is not certain that this sailing will materialise, those pilgrims who can do so are advised to travel by the sailings already arranged. Every endeavour will be made to provide sufficient shipping on each occasion for the pilgrims who present themselves at the ports by the dates advertised.

2. The sailing from Bombay and Karachi already arranged will be in the 4th week of November and the sailing from Calcutta will be in the first week of December. Owing to war conditions, actual sailing dates cannot be given but intending pilgrims should reach pilgrim ports by the dates mentioned below and should come prepared to maintain themselves for a delay which may extend to five days. For the sailing from Bombay and Karachi, intending pilgrims should reach these ports by the 22nd November at the latest. For the Calcutta sailing, pilgrims should reach Calcutta by the 29th November. If a second sailing from Bombay and Karachi in December is settled, an announcement will be made giving the latest dates on which pilgrims should reach the ports.

3. The fares fixed for the present season will be as follows :—

	Fares including food charges.
Deck Passengers.	
	Rs.
Bombay to Jedda (return)	195
Karachi to Jedda (return)	189
Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay	226

Second Class.

	Rs.
Bombay to Jedda (return)	518
Karachi to Jedda (return)	490
Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay	561

First Class.

Bombay to Jedda (return)	725
Karachi to Jedda (return)	700
Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay	770

For children under ten years of age these fares will be less by the following amounts on account of food charges :—

Deck Passengers.

	Rs.
Bombay to Jedda	12
Karachi to Jedda	8
Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay	14

Second Class.

Bombay to Jedda	46
Karachi to Jedda	32
Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay	53

First Class.

Bombay to Jedda	46
Karachi to Jedda	32
Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay	53

While these fares represent an increase over the fares current last year and the year before, it may be mentioned that they by no means represent the real cost in war conditions of passages by sea from India to Jedda. For the current year His Majesty's Government and the Government of India have decided to meet a considerable part of the extra cost of voyages resulting from war conditions and therefore it has been possible to keep the fare to be charged to the pilgrim at a level much lower than actual costs would justify.

4. *Estimate of cost of the* 1941 *Haj.*

The estimate of cost detailed below has been calculated on a gold rate in India of Rs. 29 per gold pound. This rate is subject to fluctuations and at present is Rs. 28-3-0 in Bombay. If currency is obtained in the Hejaz, expenditure will be higher since even the concessional rate of exchange there is higher than the rate prevailing in India. On the basis of an exchange rate of Rs. 29 per gold pound, the minimum cost of the pilgrimage after making full allowance for the reductions of 25 per cent in dues and charges announced by the Saudi Arabian Government will be as follows :—

	Bombay.	*Karachi.*	*Calcutta.*
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Deck passage and by camel ...	615	609	646
Second Class steamer and by bus ...	1,295	1,274	1,339
First Class steamer and by car ...	1,936	1,910	1,980

These figures are the minima for the respective grades. If a higher standard of living is adopted, substantial additions to these totals will be necessary. It will be noticed that the estimated cost of the pilgrimage this year is appreciably lower than in the previous season. For instance, the estimated minimum expenditure of deck class pilgrims from Bombay is only Rs. 615 during the current season compared with Rs. 635 during the last pilgrimage season.

5. In order to enable pilgrims to obtain the benefits of the gold exchange rate in India which is lower than the corresponding rate at Jedda, pilgrims will be permitted to take out of India sufficient gold to meet essential expenditure in the Hejaz. The following maximum limit has been fixed for the various classes of pilgrims :—

Deck Class	14 gold pounds
Second Class	26 do
First Class	41 do

Pilgrims who desire to take with them gold up to the limit indicated above will have to make their own arrangements to purchase gold sovereigns in India.

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